Adhoc Promotion to the Post of E.E. in CPWD

2466. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an AE (Civil) in CPWD, promoted on ad hoc basis to the grade of EE against sactioned strength is not regularised even after a period of 15 years of service, due to non-availability of their quota;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while regularising such adhoc EE, the seniority since officiating as a EE, is not given although there is no gap in service; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to relax the quota rule under rule 23 of Recruitment Rules, 1954 of EE in CPWD, so that ad hoc promotions are stopped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of the Recruitment Rules, the post of Executive Engineer in the CPWD is filled up by promotion from the grades of Assistant Executive Engineer (Group-A), Assistant Engineer (Group-B). From 1.4.72 to 31.3.84 the quota of promotion of Asstt. Executive Engineer and Assistant Engineer was 1 : 1 and from 1.4.84 till date it is 2 : 1. Due to continued non-availability of Assistant Executive Engineers to fill up their quota, the vacancies in the grade of Executive Engineer falling to the quota of Assistant Executive Engineer are filled up on ad hoc basis by promotion of Assistant Engineers. In accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court in the case of P.S. Mahal & Others in 1984, the seniority of Assistant Executive Engineer and Assistant engineer on promotion as executive Engineer will count from the date they are absorbed in their quota. As such, the service rendered by Assistnat Engineers, as Executive Engineer on ad hoc basis prior to their regular promotion is not counted for seniority.

(c) It is proposed to revised the Recruitmant Rules for the post of Executive Engineer with a view to avoid such ad hoc promotions in future.

Rural Electrification

2467. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages brought under electrification by the end of the 7th Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the progress made in that direction so far during 8th Five Year Plan period, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to achieve the target fixed in that regard for 8th Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) As per 1981 Census 4,70,838 inhabited villages were electrified by the end of Seventh Plan. State-wise details are given in statement (*see* below).

(b) During the first four years of the Eight Five Year Plan 14,614 inhabited villages are reported to have been electrified. State-wise details are also given in statement (*see* below).

(c) Rural Electrification is a continuing process and targets for electrification are fixed on year to year basis. During the first four years against the target of electrification of 14,672 villages, 14,614 villages have been electrified representing a marginal shortfall of 48 villages.